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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JULY 25-26, 1977:
NUCLEAR ISSUES

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 8847: (B) BRUSSELS 8848

1. COMMISSIONER BRUNNER HAS GIVEN ME HIS ASSESSMENT OF
WHERE THREE NUCLEAR ISSUES STAND FOLLOWING THE JULY 25-26
COUNCIL MEETING.

2. EURATOM-CANADA AGREEMENT: IN ESSENCE BRUNNER CONFIRM-
ED REPORT PARA TWO REFTEL B, ADDING FOLLOWING POINTS:
HE DOUBTS THAT PRIOR NOTIFICATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO
CANADIANS AND HE INTENDS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WHICH WOULD BRIDGE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRESENT CANADIAN INSISTENCE UPON PRIOR
CONSENT AND COUNCIL VIEW THAT COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT GO
BEYOND PRIOR NOTIFICATION. HE THINKS SOLUTION FOR
TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER ISSUE COULD BE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
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BUT HE IS CONCERNED BY CONTINUED BELGIAN AND GERMAN
RELUCTANCE TO GIVE ITALIANS BILATERAL RUNNING ROOM. HE
SAYS COMMISSION HAS NOW EXCHANGED LETTERS WITH FRENCH
WHICH OPEN WAY FOR NEGOTIATION OF FRENCH-EURATOM-IAEA
AGREEMENT AND HE IS HOPEFUL THAT CANADIANS WILL FIND
FRENCH DECISION SUFFICIENTLY REASSURING TO PROCEED WITH
URANIUM DELIVERIES AT LEAST DURING PERIOD NEEDED TO

COMPLETE INFCE EXERCISE.

3. INFCE: BRUNNER SAYS HE SEES NO POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AS COMMUNITY IN INFCE. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT WAY IS NOW OPEN FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF EC COMMISSION "EXPERT" PARTICIPATION.

4. JOINT EUROPEAN TORUS (REFTEL A): BRUNNER THINKS THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT SEPTEMBER 20 COUNCIL MEETING WILL DECIDE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF JET AT CULHAM. HE SAYS THAT GENSCHER NOW RECOGNIZES THAT GERMANY IS ISOLATED ON ISSUE. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET WILL SOUND EACH OF THE NINE STATES SEPARATELY PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20 COUNCIL, INFORMING ONLY BRITISH AND GERMANS OF HOW VOTE, IF TAKEN, WOULD COME OUT. AS OF TODAY BRUNNER BELIEVES THAT IN ADDITION TO GERMANS ONLY LUXEMBOURG WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF GARCHING. THE OTHER SMALL STATES WHO IN FIT OF PIQUE IN MAY WERE READY TO ABANDON SUPPORT FOR CULHAM ARE BACK ON BOARD. FRANCE AND ITALY INDICATE THEY WOULD SUPPORT MAJORITY. THUS, IN BRUNNER'S VIEW, POLITICAL PROBLEM BOILS DOWN TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT GERMANS CAN FIND GRACEFUL WAY TO WITHDRAW, PERMITTING UNANIMOUS DECISION, OR ARE PREPARED TO BE OUTVOTED. WHILE BRUNNER DID NOT SAY SO, IT WAS IMPLICIT IN HIS COMMENTS THAT HE THINKS GERMANS ARE UNLIKELY TO VETO CULHAM. HINTON
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